(Use several sheets if necessary)



Filing Date: April 25, 2001

Sheet 1 of 1

Group Art Unit: 1772

| FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION | Docket Number:<br>10873.707US01 | Application Number: 09/843,258 |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Applicant: INOUE et al.         |                                |

| T& TRADEMA          |              |            | U.S. PATENT DOCUMENT           | rs                 |              |             |                               |  |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| EXAMINER<br>INITIAL | DOCUMENT NO. | DATE       | NAME                           | CLASS              | SUBCLASS     |             | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE |  |
| <u> </u>            |              |            |                                |                    |              |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              |             | ··                            |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    | <u></u>      |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              |             |                               |  |
|                     |              | FC         | REIGN PATENT DOCUMI            | ENTS               | ,            | <b>.</b>    |                               |  |
|                     | DOCUMENT NO. | DATE       | COUNTRY                        | CLASS              | SUBCLASS     | TRANSLATION |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    |              | YES         | NO                            |  |
| TTN                 | 54-163354    | Dec 1979   | Japan                          | \ '                | \            | Partial     | <u> </u>                      |  |
|                     | 2-226799     | Oct. 1990  | Japan                          |                    | <u> </u>     | Abstract    | $\sqcup$                      |  |
|                     | 4-83320      | March 1992 | Japan                          |                    | <u> </u>     | Abstract    |                               |  |
|                     | 61-136213    | June 1986  | Japan                          |                    |              | Abstract    | $\perp \downarrow$            |  |
|                     | 9-270334     | Oct. 1997  | Japan                          |                    | $\bot \bot$  | Abstract    | $\perp$                       |  |
|                     | 6-342725     | Dec. 1994  | Japan                          |                    |              | Abstract    |                               |  |
|                     | 2-254709     | Oct. 1990  | Japan                          |                    |              | Abstract    |                               |  |
|                     | 63-186409    | Aug. 1988  | Japan                          |                    | <u> </u>     | Abstract    |                               |  |
| <b>b</b>            | 1-253906     | Oct. 1989  | Japan                          | $\perp$            |              | Abstract    |                               |  |
| イン                  | 63-136213    | June 1988  | Japan                          |                    |              | Abstract    |                               |  |
|                     | ОТН          | ER DOCUMEN | TS (Including Author, Title, D | ate, Pertinent Pag |              | <u> </u>    |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                | ·                  | 3 =          | rid         |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    | AUG - 2 2001 |             |                               |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    | 2 2001       | 1111        | <u></u>                       |  |
|                     |              |            |                                |                    | 201          | /."         |                               |  |

EXAMINER Tuylor T. Nguyla

DATE CONSIDERED

8/12/02

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.